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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated June 16, 2005 ("Final Office Action") in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) by prior art. The attorney for Applicants requested a phone interview to discuss this final rejection, but the Examiner declined. However, the Examiner said he would contact Applicants to discuss the rejection if he continued to have any questions as to the patentability of the claims, as explained by Applicants. Applicants have amended certain claims to correct minor mistakes. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections for the reasons discussed herein and submit that all pending claims 1-26 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

The amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.  
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.